

REMARKS

Attorney for applicant attaches, as Exhibit I, a copy of claims 9-10, as presented in Amendment C, filed November 4, 2010.

Attorney for applicant attaches, as Exhibit II, a copy of claims 9-10, as presented in Amendment D, filed November 9, 2010. A comma has been added after "claim 1" in the initial line of claim 9. Similarly, a comma has been added after "claim 1" in the initial line of claim 10. The commas have been highlighted by a yellow marker.

The addition of the commas to claims 9 and 10 are suggested by utilizing the designation "Currently Amended" to indicate the status of claims 9 and 10.

Consequently, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment should be withdrawn, and the amendments filed on November 4, and November 9, 2009 further identified as Amendments C and D, should be accorded due consideration on their substantive merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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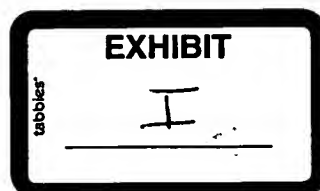
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9. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 2 1 comprising a safety catch to prevent excessive retraction of the guard, the safety catch being positioned on a forward part of the guard and comprising a projection.

10. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 2 1 comprising a location means to positively locate the guard in the extended position and the retracted position.



9. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, comprising a safety catch to prevent excessive retraction of the guard, the safety catch being positioned on a forward part of the guard and comprising a projection.
10. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1, comprising a location means to positively locate the guard in the extended position and the retracted position.

